



PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION

INFORMAL HEARING

September 15, 2016

1:00pm

APPEARING:

**Dept. of Safety & Homeland Security – Mark Douglas Williams
Memphis Police Department – Ryan O. Askew**

Joshua A. Barnes

Robert E. Jones

Brian J. Kalapu

Connor Schilling

Steven Wilkerson

Daniel Wilson

Tipton Co. Sheriff's Office – Donald Lynn Kirksey

Dept. of Safety & Homeland Security – Mr. Williams resigned in Lieu of Termination for Gross Misconduct effective 07/03/2015. On June 13, 2016 Mr. Williams pled guilty to Official Misconduct, a class E Felony and Simple Possession of Schedule II, a class A misdemeanor in relation to the incident that led to his resignation. POST has received certified card of accepted service.

Motion to Approve/Disapprove by: _____ Second _____
Recommendation to the Full Commission _____
Remarks: _____

Memphis Police Department – Mr. Ryan Askew - It is alleged that on September 23, 2015, at approximately 6:04 p.m., you became involved in a vehicle pursuit in the area of Brownlee and McCorkle. It is alleged that during the pursuit, you passed the primary unit without their request. It is alleged that while you were the secondary unit in the pursuit, you failed to advise the dispatcher that no additional units needed to join the pursuit. DR 101 Compliance with Regulations to wit: Police Vehicle Operation/Pursuit Policy. POST has received certified card of accepted service.

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Memphis Police Department – Mr. Joshua Barnes - On October 29, 2015, Brittany Reynolds filed a harassment report with the Southaven Police Department listing you as the suspect. You later admitted to two acts of vandalism against her property, sending unwanted letters and otherwise intruding on her privacy. You were deceptive with investigators during the course of the investigation. You violated the chain of command to place an unsolicited phone call to Deputy Chief Knight regarding this investigation. You carried a weapon into Real Time Crime Center while listed as Non-Enforcement. POST has received certified card of accepted service.

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Memphis Police Department – Mr. Robert Jones – On April 12, 2000, you listed false information on your re-employment application in order to gain employment with the city of Memphis. You were also dishonest when giving recorded statements to investigators. Policy violations D.R. 101 - Compliance with Regulations, 104 - Personal Conduct, 108 - Truthfulness. POST has received returned certified letter, no service.

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Memphis Police Department – Mr. Brian J. Kalapu – On Saturday, December 27, 2015, you were arrested after being involved in a one car Hit and Run accident at 1120 Mullins Station. Scene officers found a small plastic bag containing marijuana outside the driver's side door and a silver metal pipe in the driver's door compartment. you were transported to the Ridgeway Station for a BAC test for DUI. You were relieved of duty with regards to a Management Referral. You were subject to a reasonable suspicion drug test for marijuana, and the results were positive for THC. You were deceitful to ISB investigators regarding your marijuana use. No service.

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Memphis Police Department – Mr. Connor Schilling, during the course of the administrative investigation into an officer involved shooting at 5799 Winchester, it was learned you failed to properly secure your radio possibly bringing about an unpredictable reaction from your prisoner due to the forthcoming information. It was also learned you placed the prisoner in the back of your patrol unit. He was subsequently placed under arrest, and was allowed access to escape. The entire incident took place without the presence of a back-up unit. No service.

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Memphis Police Department – Mr. Stephen Wilkerson, posted a comment on your personal Facebook page that identified you as an employee of the Memphis Police Department and contained content that was unprofessional and unbecoming of a Memphis Police Officer. POST has received certified card of accepted service.

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Memphis Police Department – Mr. Daniel A. Wilson it is alleged that on September 23, 2015, you initiated a vehicle pursuit with a handcuffed prisoner in your vehicle who was not secured with a seatbelt. It is alleged that you were not wearing your seatbelt while occupying a City of Memphis vehicle. It is alleged that you failed to provide your speed during the pursuit even when requested by the dispatcher. It is alleged that you failed to travel directly to 201 Poplar. It is alleged that you failed to reiterate pertinent information to the dispatcher during the pursuit; the fact that you had a prisoner in your vehicle. When a secondary unit joined the pursuit, you failed to remove yourself from the pursuit and continue with your transport. It is also alleged that you did not provide your beginning and ending vehicle mileage while transporting your prisoner. It is alleged that you ordered another Memphis Police Officer to block the path of the suspect vehicle with their patrol car. POST has received certified card of accepted service.

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Tipton Co. Sheriff's Office – Mr. Kirksey was terminated for failure to maintain satisfactory performance and violated the Tipton Co. Sheriff's Office Standard of Ethics and Rules of Conduct. The violations, as cited in the Tipton County Sheriff's Office Civil Service Policy Manual, are identified as follows:

A. Failure to meet prescribed standards of work, morally and ethically, to an extent that makes an employee unsuitable for employment;

B. Disgraceful Personal Conduct

*No service.

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